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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 3, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection made therein is respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on October, 2002, Applicants submit that this response is timely filed. However, this response should be considered to include an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary extension of time fee or any fee necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejections of record under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, first and second paragraph.